

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (new): A method for treating acne which comprises: applying to the affected area of the skin to be treated a composition containing an anti-acne effective amount of an extract of the plant *Argania spinosa*.

Claim 13 (new): A method of treating seborrhoea which comprises: applying to the affected area of the skin to be treated a composition containing an anti-seborrhoea effective amount of an extract of the plant *Argania spinosa*.

Claim 14 (new): A method for reducing the activity of anti-5- $\alpha$ -reductase which comprises: applying to the affected area of the skin to be treated a composition containing an anti-5- $\alpha$ -reductase effective amount of a preparation containing an anti-5- $\alpha$ -reductase effective amount of an extract of the plant *Argania spinosa*.

Claim 15 (new): A method of claim 14 for treatment of unwanted hair growth in women which comprises: applying to the area of the skin where hair growth is not wanted a hair growth retarding effective amount of preparation containing an extract of the plant *Argania spinosa*.

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Claim 16 (new): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract contains proteins and/or saponins.

Claim 17 (new): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract contains at least one saponin selected from the group consisting of arganin A, arganin B, arganin C, arganin D, arganin E, arganin F, arganin G, arganin H, arganin J and misaponin A.

Claim 18 (new): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract contains arganin A in a quantity of at least 6% by weight, based on the dry weight of the extract, as the saponin.

Claim 19 (new): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract contains at least 3% by weight of proteins, based on the dry weight of the extract.

Claim 20 (new): The method of claim 12, wherein, the effective amount of the extract is from 0.01 to 25% by weight, expressed as dry weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

Claim 21 (new): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract is obtained by extraction of at least one plant part selected from the group consisting of leaves, stems, bark, flowers, fruits, fruit flesh and seed kernels.

Claim 22 (new): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract is obtained by extraction of at least one member selected from the group consisting of seed kernels and defatted seed kernels from the fruit of the plant *Argania spinosa*.

Claim 23 (new): The method of claim 13, wherein, the extract contains proteins and/or saponins.

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Claim 24 (new): The method of claim 14, wherein, the extract contains proteins and/or saponins.

Claim 25 (new): The method of claim 15, wherein, the extract contains proteins and/or saponins.

Claim 26 (new): The method of claim 13, wherein, the extract contains at least one saponin selected from the group consisting of arganin A, arganin B, arganin C, arganin D, arganin E, arganin F, arganin G, arganin H, arganin J and misaponin A.

Claim 27 (new): The method of claim 14, wherein, the extract contains at least one saponin selected from the group consisting of arganin A, arganin B, arganin C, arganin D, arganin E, arganin F, arganin G, arganin H, arganin J and misaponin A.

Claim 28 (new): The method of claim 15, wherein, the extract contains at least one saponin selected from the group consisting of arganin A, arganin B, arganin C, arganin D, arganin E, arganin F, arganin G, arganin H, arganin J and misaponin A.

Claim 29 (new): The method of claim 13, wherein, the effective amount of the extract is from 0.01 to 25% by weight, expressed as dry weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

Claim 30 (new): The method of claim 14, wherein, the effective amount of the extract is from 0.01 to 25% by weight, expressed as dry weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

Claim 31 (new): The method of claim 15, wherein, the effective amount of the extract is from 0.01 to 25% by weight, expressed as dry weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

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Claim 32 (new): A cosmetic or therapeutic composition comprising a dermatologically acceptable carrier and an extract of *Argania spinosa* whereby application to the skin treats at least one condition selected from the group consisting of acne, seborrhoea, and unwanted hair growth.